

## REMARKS

In the office action of August 29, 2006, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement. The Examiner stated that restriction was required to one of the following six groups:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a proton electrolyte membrane electrode.

Group II: Claims 18-35, drawn to a method for preparing a membrane electrode.

Group III: Claims 36-40, drawn to a membrane electrode assembly.

Group IV: Claims 41-46, drawn to a method of preparing a membrane electrode assembly.

Group V: Claims 47-56, drawn to a catalyst ink.

Group VI: Claims 57-62, drawn to a PEM fuel cell.

Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-17), without traverse.

Please contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4094 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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